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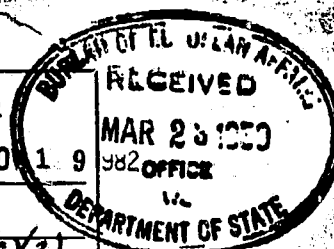
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Lyskens has given up attempt to form coalition govern-
ment, being convinced it would lack parliamentary support.
Told press he feels only possibility a homogeneous PSC
government. De Wiart Regent called on Carton de
Wiart as senior Minister of State.

De Wiart will convene the 28 Ministers of State March 23
in Palace. Regent will not preside. Ministers of State
only called on gravest occasions.

De Wiart said to press "My only concern to restore consti-
tutional order and since impossibility of reigning no
longer exists, this means return of King."

Since under Belgian constitutional practice new government
must receive parliamentary vote of confidence, question
arises whether if PSC government formed will it be pre-
sented to houses of Parliament separately or in joint
session? PSC has joint majority, but lacks majority in
Chamber. Normally governments are presented separately.

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